



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending Aug 30, 2003, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grow houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) decreased 2.4% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.3 million, a decrease of 2.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending Aug 23, 2003 compared to 11.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
07/12/03	14,413	14,283	12,053	11,884	12,519	11,886
07/19/03	14,573	14,584	11,243	11,432	12,177	11,433
07/26/03	15,267	14,519	11,798	11,573	11,243	11,575
08/02/03	14,703	14,501	11,760	11,734	11,798	11,734
08/09/03	14,668	14,426	11,890	11,971	11,760	11,971
08/16/03	14,589	14,346	11,970	11,918	11,890	11,918
08/23/03	14,430	14,465	12,131	11,932	11,970	11,932
08/30/03	14,572	14,263	12,071	11,784	12,132	11,784
09/06/03	13,536	0	12,017	0	12,071	0

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	09/13/03	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	0.00	57.48	59.56	48.50
12-City Composite 2/	0.00	64.18	62.96	56.19

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
- 2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

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